

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 27, 2003. Claims 19-23 were pending in that action and all claims were rejected.

Claims 19-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Villar et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,063,104). With the present amendment, these claims have been amended to recite a sac configured to receive an introduction of material therein. It is respectfully submitted that the Villar reference neither teaches nor suggests the claimed sac.

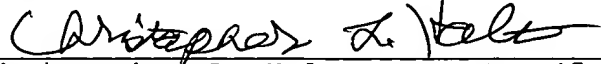
Claims 19-23 were also rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Wallace (U.S. Patent No. 6,454,780). As amended, claims 19-23 now recite an aneurysm treatment device that includes a sac configured to receive an introduction of material therein so as to create an increasing internal pressure that increases a radial dimension, and decreases an axial dimension, of the sac. It is respectfully submitted that the devices shown in the Wallace reference are not capable of accomplishing the claimed transformation. There is simply no way to introduce material into the sac embodiment shown in Wallace in a manner that would enable the claimed transformation.

For all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the cited references neither teach nor suggest claims 19-23 as amended. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully solicited.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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